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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

212-669-0699

SILVEX DESIGNS, INC.,

Facsimile:

Plaintiff,

-against-

FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC., and QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC., d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS,

Defendants,

-against-

ONE BEACON INSURANCE COMPANY, STATION OPERATOR SYSTEMS, INC., INTEGRITY TRANSPORT, INC., and, EDWARD EGAN, individually,

Third-Party Defendants.	
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DEFENDANT QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC.'S ANSWER WITH CROSS-CLAIMS TO DEFENDANT FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC.'S CROSS-CLAIMS, AND DEFENDANT QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC.'S CROSS-CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS

Defendant Q.W. Express, a division of Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. ("QWE"), by and through its attorneys Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, as and for its Answer with Cross-Claims to the Cross-Claims of Defendant Fast Fleet Systems, Inc. ("Fast"), hereby responds and alleges as follows:

FIRST COUNT INDEMNIFICATION

Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 57 of Defendant
 Fast's Cross-Claim.

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- Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 58 of Defendant
 Fast's Cross-Claim.
- 3. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 59 of Defendant Fast's Cross-Claim.

SECOND COUNT DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

- 4. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 60 of Defendant Fast's Cross-Claim.
- Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 61 of Defendant
 Fast's Cross-Claim.
- 6. Defendant QWE denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 62 of the Amended Complaint.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Defendant Fast fails to state a claim, in whole or part, upon which relief can be granted against Defendant QWE.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Defendant Fast's claims are barred by the applicable statue of limitations and/or the doctrine of laches.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. Defendant Fast has failed to mitigate its potential liability.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

10. Any damages that will allegedly be sustained by Defendant Fast are the result of acts, errors, omissions, or breaches by other third parties, persons or entities over which Defendant QWE has and had no control and for whose conduct Defendant QWE has and had no responsibility.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If any shortage and/or damage and/or loss was sustained by the shipment referred 11. to in the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, which is denied, such shortage, and/or damage, and/or loss was caused by or contributed to by Defendant Fast or others acting on Defendant Fast's behalf.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant OWE reserves its rights to amend its answer to add additional or other 12. defenses; to delete or withdraw defenses; and to add counterclaims and cross-claims as they may become necessary after reasonable opportunity for appropriate discovery.

WHEREFORE, Defendant QWE prays that Defendant Fast's Cross-Claims be dismissed, and that Defendant QWE be awarded costs, attorneys' fees, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. INDEMNITY AND CONTRIBUTION

- 13. Defendant QWE repeats and re-alleges each and every admission, denial, denial based upon lack of sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations, and affirmative defense set forth in paragraphs 1 through 12 as if set forth herein at length.
- 14. On or about August 29, 2006, Defendant QWE contracted with Defendant Fast to carry the subject shipment. Soon thereafter, Defendant Fast and/or its agents picked up the subject shipment from the Plaintiff's place of business and undertook to safely transport said shipment to Newark International Airport.
- 15. Plaintiff has alleged that the subject shipment sustained a loss en route, an allegation which Defendant QWE has denied.
- 16. However, to the extent Plaintiff has suffered a loss, which is denied, and is entitled to recover damages from Defendant QWE arising out of the subject shipment, Defendant QWE is entitled to full indemnity and/or full contribution from Co-Defendant Fast for such sums, if any are recovered, together with the expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs, incurred by Defendant QWE in defending against Plaintiff's action and/or recovering-over against Defendant Fast.

WHEREFORE, Defendant QWE prays for a judgment:

1. Dismissing the Cross-Claims of Defendant Fast with prejudice and awarding costs, including attorneys' fees associated with defending the Cross-Claim;

- 2. Giving judgment to Defendant QWE against Co-Defendant Fast on the Cross Claim together with costs, expenses, interest, attorneys' fees; and,
 - 3. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS STATION OPERATOR SYSTEMS, INC., INTEGRITY TRANSPORT, INC., AND EDWARD EGAN

Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff Q.W. Express, a division of Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. ("QWE"), by and through its attorneys Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, as and for its Cross Claims against Third Party Defendants Station Operator Systems, Inc. ("Station"), Integrity Transport, Inc. ("Integrity"), and Edward Egan ("Egan"), hereby alleges upon information and belief as follows:

- 1. On or about May 22, 2007, Plaintiff Silvex Designs, Inc. ("Silvex"), filed its
 Amended Complaint, naming as Defendants QWE and Fast Fleet Systems, Inc. ("Fast"). A true
 and accurate copy of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 2. On or about June 13, 2007, Defendant QWE filed its Amended Answer. A true and accurate copy of Defendant QWE's Amended Answer is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 3. Plaintiff alleged that Defendant QWE was liable for its alleged cargo loss, and that the extent of this loss was \$332,872.96. *Amended Complaint*, ¶¶ 14, 15.
- 4. However, Plaintiff's alleged cargo loss, which is denied, was in no way caused by or related to any act or omission of Defendant QWE.

- Defendant Fast and/or Third Party Defendants Station, Integrity, and Egan were 6. the only parties to ever come into physical contact with the subject shipment. Any alleged loss of cargo, which is denied, must be attributed to Defendant Fast and/or Third Party Defendants Station, Integrity, and Egan.
- 7. To the extent Plaintiff Silvex has suffered a loss, which is denied, and is entitled to recover damages from Defendant OWE arising out of the subject shipment, Defendant OWE is entitled to full indemnity and/or full contribution from Third-Party Defendants Station, Integrity, and Egan, jointly and severally, if any are recovered, together with the expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs, incurred by Defendant QWE in defending against Plaintiff's action and/or recovering-over against Third-Party Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff QWE prays for a judgment holding Third Party Defendants Station, Integrity, and Egan liable for any damages for which Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff QWE is held liable to Plaintiff Silvex, and that Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff OWE be awarded costs, attorneys' fees, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: New York, New York

July 25, 2007

Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP Attorneys for Defendant QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC., d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	Ψ,
SILVEX DESIGNS, INC.,	X
Plaintiff,	

AMENDED COMPLAINT

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-against-

FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. and QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC. d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS,

Γ	efendants.	
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COMES NOW Plaintiff, SILVEX DESIGNS, INC. by and through its attorneys, WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP, for its claims and causes of action against FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. and QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC. d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS, alleges upon information and belief, as follows:

## PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction is predicated upon 28 § U.S.C. § 1331, 28 § U.S.C. § 1332(a)(2) and 28 § U.S.C. § 1337 since the claim arises out of interstate transport of goods by motor carrier pursuant to the Carmack Amendment, 49 U.S.C. § 14706 and since there is diversity of citizenship between the parties and the Plaintiff's damages exceed \$75,000.
- 2. Plaintiff, Silvex Designs, Inc. (hereinafter "Silvex"), is a corporation organized and existing by virtue the laws of New York in the United States, engaged in the business of retail of silver jewelry, with a principal place of business located at 330 5th Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3. Defendant, Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. d/b/a Q.W. Express (hereinafter "Q.W. Express"), is a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of Illinois in the

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United States, engaged in business as a common carrier of goods, with an office and place of business located at 1130 West Thorndale, Bensenville, Illinois.

Defendant, Fast Fleet Systems, Inc., (hereinafter "Fast Fleet") is a corporation 4 organized and existing by virtue of the laws of New Jersey in the United States, engaged in business as a common carrier of goods, with an office and place of business located at 407 Green Avenue, Brielle, New Jersey.

## GENERAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 5. Plaintiff, Silvex, is the received, consignee, owner and/or assured of the consignment hereinbelow described. Plaintiff, Silvex, brings this action on its own behalf and as agent and/or trustee on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who may be or become interested in the said consignment, as their respective interest may ultimately appear, and Plaintiff is entitled to maintain this action.
- 6. On or about August 29, 2006, Plaintiff, Silvex, retained Defendant, Q.W. Express, to transport a consignment of approximately 4009 pound of sterling silver jewelry, contained in 69 trunks, from Silvex's principle place of business in New York to Rodeway Inn, 1365 West Grant, Tucson, Arizona, the location of a trade show where Plaintiff intended to market the aforementioned jewelry, all in consideration of an agreed freight rate. (See copy of Bill of Lading attached hereto as Exhibit "A".)
- 7. On or about August 29, 2006, Q.W. Express retained Defendant, Fast Fleet to transport the aforementioned jewelry all or part of the route from Plaintiff's principal place of business to the intended destination in Tucson, Arizona.

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- 8. On August 29, 2006, Fast Fleet picked up the aforementioned jewelry consignment from Plaintiff's principle place of business in good order and condition and weighing in total approximately 4009 pounds.
- 9. The aforementioned consignment was transported by Fast Fleet from Plaintiff's principle place of business to a location in Newark, New Jersey, where the aforementioned consignment was consolidated with other goods prior to being transported to the intended destination in Tucson, Arizona.
- 10. When the consignment arrived at Newark, New Jersey, it was weighed prior to consolidation and transport to the intended destination in Tucson, Arizona. The total weight of the jewelry consignment delivered by Fast Fleet to Newark, New Jersey was 3084 pounds. (See copy of Invoice from Q.W. Express dated September 19, 2006, Bill No. LEX3171137, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".)
- 11. When the consignment arrived at its intended destination in Tucson, Arizona on September 6, 2006, it was ascertained that approximately 925 pound of jewelry, approximately half the content of jewelry in each trunk, were missing. (See copy of City of Tucson, Arizona Police Report, Case No. 0609060238, dated September 6, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".)

### **COUNT I**

## QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC. d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS

## **NEGLIGENCE**

12. Plaintiff, Silvex, hereby incorporates all of the previous allegations as set forth herein.

- 13. Defendant, Q.W. Express, failed to deliver the consignment to the plaintiff at the designated point of delivery in the same good order and condition as when received by it in New York, New York.
- 14. The damage sustained to the aforementioned consignment of jewelry did not result from any act or omission on the part of Plaintiff, Silvex, but, to the contrary, was the result in whole or in part, of the negligence and or fault of Defendant, Q.W. Express.
- 15. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has damages in a total amount of no less than \$332.872.96, as nearly as presently can be determined, no amount of which has been paid, although duly demanded on numerous occasions beginning on September 6, 2006. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:
- 16. That process in due form of law may issue against the Defendant, O.W. Express. citing it to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;
- 17. That judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff against the Defendant, Q.W. Express, for the amount of Plaintiff's damages, together with interest and costs and the disbursements of this action,; and
- 18. That this Court grant to Plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

### **COUNT II**

## NEGLIGENCE OF FAST FLEET, INC.

## **NEGLIGENCE**

19. Plaintiff, Silvex, hereby incorporates all of the previous allegations as set forth herein.

- 20. Defendant, Fast Fleet, failed to deliver the consignment to the plaintiff at the designated point of delivery in the same good order and condition as when received by it in New York, New York.
- The damage sustained to the aforementioned consignment of jewelry did not 21. result from any act or omission on the part of Plaintiff, Silvex, but to the contrary, was the result in whole or in part, of the negligence and or fault of Defendant, Fast Fleet.
- 22. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has damages in a total amount of no less than \$332.872.96, as nearly as presently can be determined, no amount of which has been paid, although duly demanded on multiple occasions, beginning on December 13, 2006. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:
- That process in due form of law may issue against the Defendant, Fast Fleet, 23. citing it to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;
- 24. That judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff against the Defendant, Fast Fleet, for the amount of Plaintiff's damages, together with interest and costs and the disbursements of this action,; and
- That this Court grant to Plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and 25. proper.
  - Plaintiff hereby demands a TRIAL BY JURY pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 38. 26.

Dated: White Plains, New York May 21, 2007

THE PLAINTIFF, SILVEX DESIGNS, INC.

By My N Brian Del Gatto BD 7759

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the 21st day of May, 2007 to the following:

Defendant, Fast Fleet Systems, Inc.

Fast Fleet Systems, Inc. 407 Green Avenue Brielle, NJ 08730 <u>Defendant, Quebecor World Logistics, Inc.</u> <u>d/b/a Q.W.Express</u>

Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. 1130 West Thorndale Bensenville, IL 60106

Brian Del Gatto BD 7759

) ss.:

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Ileana Cordova, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that deponent is not a party to this action, is over the age of 18 years and resides in Westchester County, New York. On the 21st day of May, 2007, deponent served the NOTICE OF AMENDED COMPLAINT AND AMENDED COMPLAINT upon:

TO: Defendant, Fast Fleet Systems, Inc.

Fast Fleet Systems, Inc. 407 Green Avenue Brielle, NJ 08730

Defendant, Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. d/b/a Q.W.Express

Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. 1130 West Thorndale Bensenville, IL 60106

at the address designated by said attorney for that purpose by depositing a true copy of same enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 2007

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SILVEX DESIGNS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. and, QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC. d/b/a Q.W EXPRESS,

Defendants.

## AMENDED COMPLAINT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SILVEX DESIGNS, INC.,

07-cv-03740-UA-MDF Plaintiff.

-against-

FAST FLEET SYSTEMS, INC., and QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC., d/b/a Q.W. EXPRESS,

AMENDED ANSWER OF DEFENDANT QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC., TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendants.	
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Defendant Q.W. Express, a division of Quebecor World Logistics, Inc. ("QWE"), by and through its attorneys Hill Rivkins & Hayden LLP, as and for its Amended Answer to the Amended Complaint of Plaintiff Silvex Designs, Inc. ("Silvex") hereby responds as follows:

### PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Amended
   Complaint.
- 2. Defendant QWE denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint.

- Defendant QWE admits that it is a corporation organized and existing by virtue of 3. the laws of Delaware, with an office and place of business located at 1130 West Thorndale, Bensenville, Illinois. Except as otherwise specifically admitted, Defendant QWE denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of the Amended Complaint.
- 4. Defendant QWE denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 4 of the Amended Complaint.

## GENERAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- Defendant QWE denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as 5. to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of the Amended Complaint.
- Defendant QWE admits that on or about August 29, 2006, Plaintiff Silvex 6. retained Defendant QWE to arrange for the transportation of a consignment said to contain exhibit materials from New York to Tucson, Arizona. Except as otherwise specifically admitted, Defendant QWE denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 6 of Amended Complaint.
- Defendant QWE admits that on or about August 29, 2006, QWE retained 7. Defendant Fast Fleet Systems, Inc., to transport a consignment said to contain exhibit materials from plaintiff's place of business in New York, to Newark Liberty International Airport. Except as otherwise specifically admitted, Defendant QWE denies the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint.
- 8. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of the Amended Complaint.

- 9. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint.
- 10. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint.
- 11. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of the Amended Complaint.

## **COUNT I**

## **QUEBECOR WORLD LOGISTICS, INC. d/b/a/ Q.W. EXPRESS**

## **NEGLIGENCE**

- 12. Defendant QWE repeats and re-alleges each and every admission, denial, and denial based upon lack of sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 of the Amended Complaint as if set forth herein at length.
- Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 13 of the Amended 13. Complaint.
- 14. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Amended Complaint.
- 15. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Amended Complaint.
- 16. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of the Amended Complaint.

- 17. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint.
- 18. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 18 of the Amended Complaint.

## COUNT II

## **NEGLIGENCE OF FAST FLEET, INC.**

### **NEGLIGENCE**

- 19. Defendant QWE repeats and re-alleges each and every admission, denial, and denial based upon lack of sufficient knowledge and information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 18 of the Amended Complaint as if set forth herein at length.
- 20. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of the Amended Complaint.
- 21. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 21 of the Amended Complaint.
- 22. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint.
- 23. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 23 of the Amended Complaint.
- 24. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of the Amended Complaint.

- 25. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 25 of the Amended Complaint.
- 26. Defendant QWE denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of the Amended Complaint.

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. Plaintiff fails to state a claim, in whole or part, upon which relief can be granted against Defendant QWE.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the applicable statue of limitations and/or the doctrine of laches and the Amended Complaint should be dismissed.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

29. Plaintiff is not the real party in interest and/or the proper party to assert the claim.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

30. The Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its alleged loss.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

31. The shipment described in plaintiff's Amended Complaint is subject to all the terms, conditions, and exceptions contained in certain bills of lading and/or air waybills then and

there issued, by which the shippers and consignees of said bills of lading and/or air waybills agreed to be and are bound.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

32. Plaintiff has failed to aver facts necessary to establish that Defendant QWE breached a duty that resulted in plaintiff sustaining damages.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. To the extent that the Plaintiff suffered any loss or damage as alleged in the Amended Complaint, which is denied, that loss or damage occurred during a period of time when the goods were not under the care, custody, or control of Defendant QWE.

## EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. Any loss or damage to the shipment as alleged in the Amended Complaint, which is denied, arose or resulted from the pre-shipment condition of the goods and was not caused or contributed to by Defendant QWE.

## **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

35. Any damages allegedly sustained by plaintiff are the result of acts, errors, omissions, or breaches by other third parties, persons or entities over which Defendant QWE has and had no control and for whose conduct Defendant QWE has and had no responsibility.

## TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. If any shortage and/or damage and/or loss was sustained by the shipment referred to in the Amended Complaint, which is denied, such shortage, and/or damage, and/or loss was caused by or contributed to by the Plaintiff or others acting on Plaintiff's behalf.

## **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

37. The plaintiff has failed to join one or more indispensable parties to the suit.

## TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. The damages alleged in the Amended Complaint are grossly inflated and plaintiff's calculation of the claimed amount is contrary to law both as to type and quantity.

## THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. Plaintiff failed to give written notice of loss or damage as and when required pursuant to the standard terms and conditions of the applicable air waybill(s), contract(s) of carriage or other contracts, bills of lading, tariffs, and/or applicable regulations, statutes or treaties, and/or classifications in effect; the plaintiff's lawsuit is therefore barred.

### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. The amount of Defendant QWE's liability, if any, is limited in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the applicable air waybill(s), contract(s) of carriage or other contracts, bills of lading, tariffs, and/or applicable regulations, statutes or treaties, and/or classifications in effect.

## FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. To the extent applicable, plaintiff's state law claims, as found in the Amended Complaint, are preempted by the Carmack Amendment to the Interstate Commerce Act.

## SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. To the extent plaintiff's damages include any special, incidental, or consequential damages, including but not limited to loss of profits, income, interest, or utility, or loss of market, resulting from the transportation of this shipment, regardless of whether Defendant QWE had knowledge that such damages might be incurred, Defendant QWE is not liable, in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the applicable air waybill(s), contract(s) of carriage or other contracts, bills of lading, tariffs, and/or applicable regulations, statutes or treaties, and/or classifications in effect.

## SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. The jurisdiction and venue where the plaintiff commenced this suit is invalid; the relevant terms and conditions governing this transportation agreement state that the only jurisdiction and venue where this action can be commenced and advanced is in Illinois.

## EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

44. Plaintiff's cargo was not permitted for shipment, as stated by the standard terms and conditions of the applicable air waybill(s), contract(s) of carriage or other contracts, bills of

lading, tariffs, and/or applicable regulations, statutes or treaties, and/or classifications in effect; accordingly, the plaintiff's lawsuit is barred.

## NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

45. Defendant QWE was not properly served with the plaintiff's Summons, Complaint, and/or Amended Complaint; this Court has no personal jurisdiction over Defendant QWE.

## TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

46. Defendant QWE reserves its rights to amend its answer to add additional or other defenses; to delete or withdraw defenses; and to add counterclaims and cross-claims as they may become necessary after reasonable opportunity for appropriate discovery.

WHEREFORE, Defendant QWE prays that plaintiff's Amended Complaint be dismissed and that Defendant QWE be awarded costs, attorneys' fees and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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